

Agness – Illahe Road Construction News

May 21, 2003

This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.

ROAD CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK. *This will pose the following schedule: 1 HOUR DELAYS MONDAY 6:00am to 6:00pm, ROAD CLOSED 8:00AM TUESDAY TO 5:00PM THURSDAY, 1 HOUR DELAYS FRIDAY 6:00am to 4:30pm with no weekend work. This schedule will continue until these retaining walls are complete. While the Illahe road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar via Agness Pass. If coming from the Rogue Valley it is suggested to use the Eden Valley route rather than the Bear Camp route. New signs along this route have been installed to clearly mark the route and printable maps are available on the project website www.agness-road.com.*

Continuing, May 21st, 2003, Ladd will continue to excavate the cut near Lone Tree Creek preparing the underlying material for future use on the project. We are also working on a solution to the land slide which has occurred recently at the top of this cut. Crews have begun excavating the sliver cuts and hauling them to the waste area creating much truck traffic on the east half of the project. Clearing and grubbing activities will continue. As more personnel and equipment arrives to the project crews will begin placing fill material to construct the new intersection at the beginning of the project.

There will be no work on the project from 5pm Friday, May 23, 2003 to 6am Tuesday, May 27, 2003 as this is Memorial Day Weekend. The road will be open to public traffic, but please drive carefully as the road has taken many new looks and has new hazards. Beginning approx. 6 am Tuesday, May 27th flaggers will begin controlling traffic with minimal delays. At 8am Tuesday, May 27th the road will close the public traffic and continue the normal work schedule as described above.

Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project.

Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is www.agness-road.org.

All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:

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